

The specification is amended to accurately reflect the cross-reference to earlier-filed patent applications.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks made herein.


III. CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number UCSF084CON.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please amend the paragraph under the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/235,451, filed January 22, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of: 1) U.S. Provisional patent application serial number 60/072,151, filed January 22, 1998; and 2) U.S. patent application serial no. 08/915,461, filed August 20, 1997; and 3) PCT international application PCT/US98/17466, filed August 20, 1998, which PCT International application was published in English on July 29, 1999 as WO 9937675, each of which applications are incorporated herein by reference.